

Most nearly allied to *C. filosum*, but of lighter texture and warmer colour.

2. NOTICE OF A LARGE SPECIES OF *LINEUS*?, TAKEN ON THE COAST NEAR MONTROSE. BY DR. JOHN E. GRAY, V.P.Z.S., F.R.S. ETC.

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Mr. Beattie, the Secretary of the Museum of the Natural History Society of Montrose, has kindly presented to the Museum a fragment containing the head of a large marine animal which was taken off the coast near Montrose on the 18th July, 1857.

Mr. Beattie has accompanied the specimen with a figure, and the following note respecting it:—

“Length varies from 18 to 20 inches. After having been taken a few hours, it divided itself into two pieces of nearly equal length, the posterior of which divided itself into 32 different pieces, all of which seemed to me to move for a whole day; the head part, continuing to live for two days, moved about, changing its shape continually, and now and then throwing off an additional joint.”

The head portion which is in the British Museum resembles the fragment of a very large *Lineus*, with a large longitudinal mouth opening into a longitudinal cavity, which extends the whole of its length, having a central, broad, longitudinal rounded ridge extending the whole length of the dorsal surface. The sides of the body are irregularly torn.

The specimen is in far too imperfect a condition to describe, but I think that it may be provisionally named *Lineus Beattii*, after its discoverer; and I hope that we may be favoured with a more perfect description of the animal made from a living specimen.

I may observe, that there is a large round hole in the centre of the lower part of the body, about one-fourth the entire length from the mouth, which has been mistaken by some persons for the vent; but it is evidently an artificial perforation extending entirely through the substance of the body, and piercing both surfaces of the central cavity.

3. ON A COLLECTION OF BIRDS MADE BY SIGNOR MATTEO BOTTERI IN THE VICINITY OF ORIZABA IN SOUTHERN MEXICO. BY PHILIP LUTLEY SCLATER, M.A., F.L.S. ETC.

Signor Matteo Botteri, the well-known Dalmatian botanist and traveller, has transmitted to Mr. S. Stevens a considerable collection of birds formed in the vicinity of Orizaba in Southern Mexico, where he has lately been resident in pursuit of his investigations in various branches of natural history. Having recently been engaged in studying the fine series of specimens of birds obtained by M. Sallé at